

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1 - 18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 - 11, and 13 - 17 have been amended.

The Abstract has been placed on a separate page. The enclosed abstract is the same as the abstract on the cover sheet of the published International Application (PCT/EP03/03750) except that the reference numbers have been removed and the word "includes" has replaced the word "comprising."

A hand-written, corrected copy of the specification is enclosed showing the changes which have been made to the specification as required by Section 608.01(Q) and 714.20(1) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. The Substitute Specification filed herewith has been amended to utilize idiomatic English, correct minor typographical and grammatical errors and to conform the application to current United States Patent practice. The Substitute Specification includes no new subject matter; but does include the same changes handwritten in red in the attached, corrected, original specification. The Substitute Specification also includes the Abstract on a separate sheet as noted in this Amendment.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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